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SUBJ: POLITICAL UNREST MAHE ISLAND SEYCHELLES

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FOLLOWING SENT INFO NAIROBI FROM MAHE ISLAND  
SEYCHELLES/CC APRAL 29 REPEATED FOR YOUR INFO

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TO RUWJEBA/AFSCF LOS ANGELES AFS CA/CC/LGX  
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SUBJ: POLITICAL UNREST MAHE ISLAND SEYCHELLES  
WHICH THE SDP WON 13 OF THE 15 ASSEMBLY SEATS WITH 51.8 PER  
CENT OF THE VOTE, THE SPUP IS HIGHLY DISSATISFIED. YESTERDAY,  
26 APRIL, THE POLICE DISPERSED A CROWD OF PEOPLE WITH TEAR  
GAS. THUS FAR 55 ARRESTS HAVE BEEN MADE. TWENTY-SIX BRUSH  
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FIRES HAVE BEEN SET AROUND THE ISLAND. ONE AUTOMOBILE, ONE

NEW UNOCCUPIED LOW COST GOVERNMENT HOUSING UNIT AND ONE CHINESE SHOP HAVE BEEN BURNED TO THE GROUND.

2. THE U.S. TRACKING STATION HAS AUGMENTED G.O.S. CONTRACT SECURITY GUARDS AROUND THE TRACKING STATION PERIMETER WITH RADIO EQUIPPED MOTOR VEHICLES MANNED BY U.S. PERSONNEL. THE NEAREST BRUSH FIRE TO THE TRACKING STATION IS HALF A MILE AWAY AND BURNING SLOWLY WITH NO IMMEDIATE THREAT. ALL FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT HAS BEEN CHECKED AND SERVICED. SINCE WE HAVE NO FIRE TRUCKS OR OTHER MOBILE FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT, WE ARE UNABLE TO GO FIGHT ANY BRUSH FIRES. THE G.O.S. POLICE AND AGRICULTURE DEPTS FORM THE MAJOR FIRE FIGHTING EFFORT ON THE ISLAND AND THEY ARE STRAPPED FOR MAN-POWER AND MOBILE FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT TO FIGHT FIRES. FIRE FIGHTING DUTIES HAS DIVERTED POLICEMEN FROM SECURITY DUTIES. AT THIS TIME THERE ARE NO SERIOUS THREATS TO THE TRACKING STATION AND THE COMMISSIONER OF POLICE BELIEVES THE POLITICAL UNREST WILL SOON BE SUBSIDING AROUND THE ISLAND IN GENERAL. NONETHELESS I RECOMMEND AT THIS TIME THAT ALL CONCERNED AGENCIES REVIEW PLANS AND PREPARE FOR CONTINGENCY SUPPORT SHOULD THE U.S. TRACKING STATION BECOME THREATENED BY FIRE OR SECURITY PROBLEMS BEYOND DET 4 AND G.O.S. CAPABILITIES TO HANDLE.

4. I WILL KEEP ALL ADVISED AS EVENTS DEVELOP.

MAJOR MICHAUD.

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